

Minutes for Town of Pawlet Energy Group Pawlet, VT Monday, April 17, 2017, 2:00 PM Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present:

Elizabeth Gibson, egib@vermontel.net Nancy Morlino, nancym259@aol.com Harry Van Meter, hevanmeter@gmail.com

Members Absent:

Ken Friedman, kenneth.j.friedman@gmail.com

Audience:

Others Copied:

Deb Hawkins, pawletclerk@vermontel.net

<u>Purpose of Meeting:</u> To foster discussion of topics relevant to the awareness of energy use, efficiency and conservation within the Town of Pawlet and to establish and promote guidelines for the implementation of the energy initiatives set down in the Town Plan.

Item 1: Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the last monthly meeting on March 27, 2017 have been distributed, corrected, and posted at the town website, http://pawlet.vt.gov/town-offices/energy-group/.

Item 2: Energy Fair, April 22, 2017, 1-4 PM, Town Hall Auditorium

Publicity: Final publicity to include social media, Pawlet eNews, town website, Front Porch Forum, local papers (Elizabeth) and sandwich board out on the Route 30 bridge by the Pawlet PO (Nancy).

Presenters:

- 1:00 PM, Green Mountain Power, NieghborWorks Heat Squad, Efficiency Vermont Programs and incentives
- 1:30 PM, Alan Benoit, sustainable architect, designing net zero homes
- 2:00 PM, Steven Letendre, Green Mountain College, evaluating home solar systems
- 2:30 PM, Bill Laberge, Grassroots Solar, Dorset
- 3:00 PM, Alan Betts, climate scientist, Pittsford
- 3:30 PM. Bhima Nitta. Power Guru of Southern Vermont

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Logistics: Speakers will present in the downstairs conference room; upstairs auditorium will be for displays; electric vehicles will be parked in front of the building. Elizabeth will do a materials check list and help Nancy set up Friday afternoon at 2 PM.

The three members of the energy group who will be attending – Elizabeth, Nancy, Harry – will man the various spaces, including a sign-in table and basket for donations upstairs and downstairs. We will all plan to arrive by 12:30 on the afternoon of the fair.

Item 3: Solar Proposal for Town Landfill

This project is on hold until after the energy fair. Steve Letendre might be available to help us write the RFP and evaluate proposals. We will update the Select Board on next steps after the energy fair.

Item 4: Next Meeting

The next regular monthly meeting would then be Monday, May 22, 2017, 12 PM, at the Town Hall. The agenda for that meeting will be:

- Review minutes from last meeting (5 minutes)
- Old business: Spring energy fair, landfill solar site (30 minutes)
- New business: (10 minutes)
- Audience (10 minutes)

Minutes submitted by Elizabeth Gibson